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Notice of Exemption

Project Title: 2021-2029 Housing Element

Applicant: Yolo County

Project Location: The 2030 Countywide General Plan Housing Element applies to all properties in Yolo County

Project Description: The Project is an update to the Housing Element of the Yolo County General Plan that was previously adopted by Yolo County in October 2013. State Housing Law (Government Code Section 65580 [et. seq.]) mandates that local governments must adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community, including accommodating its assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) as determined by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and approved by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. The purpose of the Project is to comply with the State-mandated requirements for the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Upon its adoption, the 6th Cycle Housing Element will become part of the Yolo County General Plan. The Housing Element of the General Plan establishes goals, objectives, policies, and programs to: encourage residential development in the unincorporated County to be affordable to a range of household incomes, consistent with the unincorporated County's share of regional housing needs; encourage residential development to accommodate special needs groups; support the maintenance and improvement of existing housing stock; mitigate governmental constraints to the development of housing as required by state law; identify available financial and organizational resources for housing; identify adequate sites to accommodate the County's housing needs; encourage energy-efficiency in residential developments, and affirmatively further fair housing to prevent discrimination in housing.

Exempt Status: Exemption based on Section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), known as the "common sense exemption".

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061(b)(3) consists of activities covered by the "common sense exemption" that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The 2021-2029 Housing Element would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The Housing Element update is strictly a policy document and does not provide entitlements to any specific land use projects. The Housing Element Update does not make any changes to the General Plan land use map and would not modify any land use designations, allowed densities, or land use intensities established by the General Plan. As described in the 2021-2029 Housing Element Background Report, the County's sites designated by the General Plan to accommodate residential development have adequate capacity to accommodate the County's RHNA. The 2021-2029

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Housing Element Housing Plan document contains goals, policies, and programs aimed at addressing Yolo County’s housing development, preservation, and rehabilitation needs, including accommodating the County’s RHNA of 57 housing units by 2029, encouraging housing to serve lower income and special needs households, increase access to affordable and special needs housing, and affirmatively furthering fair housing. The proposed project does not entitle, propose, or otherwise require the construction of new development or rehabilitation of existing development, but rather includes goals and policies to facilitate the development, preservation, and rehabilitation of housing consistent with existing and proposed uses identified in the General Plan and as mandated to be allowed under State law. All future housing development projects will be reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The goals, policies, and programs established by the 2021-2029 Housing Element would not change the rate or location of development and would not propose or approve any development projects. The Housing Element also includes goals, policies, and programs to reduce constraints to housing. These goals, policies, and program generally address land use designations that currently allow urban levels of development and would remove constraints to housing and implement housing types currently allowed and required to be permitted under State law. These revisions would not result in any changes to the intensities or densities of allowed uses beyond those allowed by the General Plan and those standards currently required by State law.

The proposed 6th Cycle Housing Element was reviewed and it was determined that it would not have the potential to result in a significant adverse effect associated with any environmental issue area, including aesthetics, agricultural/forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology/soils, greenhouse gases emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use/planning, mineral resources, noise, population/housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities/service systems, wildfire, cumulative impacts, or substantial adverse effects to human beings. Therefore, the Housing Element Update is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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